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Participants:

- Dr. Ana María Bravo (DuPont Industrial Biosciences), Agnes Bord and Joanna Dupont Inglis (Industrial Biotechnology)
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EuropaBio and Dupont Industrial Biosciences (DIB) came to discuss bio-products in the context of the circular economy strategy and in particular how bio-based products could be promoted in the EU.

They inquired about incentives in the Commission's circular economy strategy and presented the challenges for biotech to play a more important role within the circular economy strategy. In particular, they stressed the lack of market stimulation for bio based products outside energy use, with little progress appearing to occur so far.

They asked the Commission about instruments available at EU level to incentivize the biotech market and inquired for the Commission's opinion regarding tax-credits and other types of supportive schemes for bio-based products, including public procurement.

Overall they stressed the need to set the right incentives, and expressed the view that the circular economy package could present an opportunity for the biotech market. They provided additional written material (outcome of the work of the Expert Group on Bio-Based Products, with focus on public procurement) and invited the SG to possibly join one of the meetings of a newly established follow up group by the industry.

The SG took note of the views expressed.